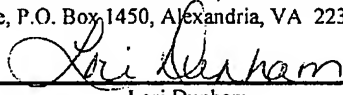


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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION: AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

On September 8, 2006, Applicants submitted an Amendment and Response to Final Office Action in response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 18, 2006. Subsequently, the Examiner issued an Advisory Action indicating that the proposed amendment would not be entered because it would require a new search. Applicants respectfully disagree and accordingly submit a Request for Reconsideration: Amendment and Response to Final Office Action.

Applicants reference M.P.E.P. 714.3, which states:

The refusal to enter the proposed [after-final] amendment should not be arbitrary. The proposed [after-final] amendment should be given sufficient consideration to determine whether the claims are in condition for allowance and/or whether the issues on appeal are simplified... However, if the [after-final] proposed amendment raises the issue of new